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1. On 1 August the North Korean People's Army (NKPA) began forced conscription into the Volunteer Army (VA) of all unskilled men and women between 18 and 40 in the occupied areas and South Korea. Some recruits received no training. Others received a few days' training in close order drill and the use of weapons.
2. On 4 August five to six hundred company grade North Korean officers of the VA were billeted in the Catholic cathedral near Seoul. During the nights of 4-6 August, the road between Seoul and Chungju (127-56, 36-58) and during the nights 6-10 August the road from Chungju to Sangju (128-10, 36-24) were crowded with a very large number of VA male and female personnel moving south.
3. All VA personnel in this movement were in civilian clothes and unarmed. Weapons, North Korean uniforms, and ammunition were brought to combat areas from an undetermined area in the North and were issued to the VA at the front. During day movements, the VA avoided roads and tried to appear as refugees.
4. A North Korean officer on 9 August stated that the VA was to be placed in front of NKPA troops to overwhelm UN troops by sheer numbers. A soldier in the Sangju combat area on the same date stated that he was a member of the VA and was fighting alongside regular NKPA troops. Although VA morale is low, the personnel will fight because they fear the NKPA more than the South Korean army; however, they fear UN bombings most.

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